

Old Gen. Prosperity, alias F. M. Lewis, is now officing with the *Sumner Star*.

The Missouri Press association will hold its next winter meeting in Kansas City January 18th and 19th, 1898.

P. W. Post of near Sumner is building a new residence on his farm. The gentleman is evidently "posted" on McKinley's prosperity.

The new telephone line from New Cambria to Salisbury via way of Wien, Bynumville and Prairie Hill is now in operation, having been completed last Monday.

The *Salisbury Press-Spectator* speaks of molasses as "them." This is perhaps due to the fact that the P.-S. man has eaten so many different kinds of molasses.

A Skidmore man named Bramble ate one quail a day for thirty days and is still alive. A man with such a name who lives in a town with such a name ought to be able to do most anything.

Henry C. Martin, the fruit tree agent who shot and killed John Holloman at Clifton Hill two weeks ago last Sunday, was held at his preliminary hearing before Justice Gill at Huntsville in a bond of \$2,500 to appear before the grand jury.

Hugh McCall, formerly of Higbee, was killed in a head-end collision between two freight trains on the Frisco railroad in Arkansas last week. McCall was acting as head brakeman on one of the ill-fated trains. He leaves a wife and two children.

The ladies of the M. E. church at Sumner have thus early announced that they will have a public dinner and supper Thanksgiving. Of course they will have turkey, and expect the early announcement to get the bird and lots of hungry people to eat it.

We see by the *Press-Spectator* that Ben Fidler, a drayman at Salisbury, is laying up for repairs as a result of sticking a splinter in his hand over a year ago. The place had been hurting him of late considerably and on Monday he had the splinter taken out. It was deeply imbedded and a calous growth nearly the size of a marble had formed around it.

A saving husband to his wife: "Susan, don't spend a cent of money with merchants that don't advertise in the papers." The wife, who was a business woman, replied: "You old goose, I learned better than to go where I was not invited long ago. You would be an old bachelor now if you had not invited me to be your wife. Catch me going to a store without an invitation; I guess not."

John Maddox, a farmer living in the Chariton bottom near Cazzell, was id Fayette yesterday with two loads of extra large and fine Irish potatoes. Mr. Maddox told us that he raised 200 bushels of potatoes on one acre of ground, and 10 barrels of corn on top of that. The corn being planted after the potatoes were "laid by." He got 70 cents per bushel for his potatoes.—*Fayette Leader*.

The Seelye chapel correspondent of the *Marceline Mirror* indulges in the following snake story: "Ye scribe, while passing through a small thicket of undergrowth a few days back, came onto a large snake and not having anything with which to do battle, backed off a few steps to cut a weapon when the snake got alarmed and started on his way. It was ten or eleven feet long and when moving held its head as much as a foot from the ground. Its track has been seen by several and is said to be six inches broad."

A tramp visited the home of Tony Meyer on Sunday evening last, says the *Brunswick News*, and endeavored to gain an entrance by trying the doors, afterward cutting the screen from one of the windows, evidently believing the family was absent. Mrs. Meyer was the only one at home, and on hearing the efforts of the intruder inquired what he wanted. The fellow impudently said: "I want some pepper for my soup." Mrs. Meyer bravely replied: "Hold on a minute and I'll pepper your soup for you." That scared the tramp and he beat a hasty retreat.

The Other Side of the Lagonda School Muddle.

EDITOR COURIER:—In your issue of Oct. 22nd, 1897, I noticed a letter over the signature of L. A. Moorman, and if you will treat me with the same courtesy that you have him and allow me space in your paper, I will attempt to reply to same, for the purpose of vindicating myself and daughter, whom he attempts to connect with the school muddle at Lagonda. I have always esteemed Mr. Moorman as a gentleman, and thought he was more to be pitied than condemned, knowing that there were others deeper in the mud than he was in the mire. But since his wholesale misstatement of facts came out in your paper my sympathy has been somewhat modified.

I have never taken any personal interest in this disgraceful school trouble, as I am not a resident of the district. But since Mr. Moorman has had the audacity to couple my name with the affair I have taken the trouble upon myself to canvass the district, and believe I am in possession of some of the real facts on which I can rely. It is true that my daughter had contracted to teach another school. It is also true that some of the tax-payers of the Lagonda district came to her and told her that the board of directors of said district had agreed that if they could get her to teach their school it would end the trouble that had arisen over the employment of a teacher. She told them if the board that had employed her would release her she would teach their school. She went to the board of directors and stated the circumstances to them, but they refused to release her, and said as they had employed her they would like to try her abilities, and that they did not know where they could get another teacher. She volunteered to hire a boy and send for a teacher. They then told her if she would make a donation of five dollars to their Sunday-school they would release her, which she did. She had three objects in view in making the change. First, to settle the difficulty; second, she was to get better wages; third, she would be nearer home.

The board in the troubled district met in a few days to employ a teacher. Mr. Warbritton and Mr. Heptonstall expressed themselves in favor of my daughter. Mr. Shelton, another director who was in favor of Mr. Moorman, remarked that he saw no show for his man, and would therefore sanction the employment of Lillie Ramsey, which made her employment unanimous with all the directors who acted in the matter. Daniels was present, but took no action in the meeting, which gave her a clear majority of the directors who are recognized by both factions as holding the office legally, viz: Warbritton and Shelton. A short time before this Shelton, who is a director, and George Daniels, who is a much doubted one, went to Mr. Warbritton's house (he being chairman of the board) and asked that a contract be drawn for Mr. L. A. Moorman, which the clerk, W. P. Warbritton, did. They then asked Chas. Warbritton to sign it as chairman. He promptly refused. In a short time Mr. Moorman went to the clerk and asked him to place this same contract, which the chairman had refused to sign, and which he himself nor the clerk had signed, on file, also his certificate. The clerk told him he could not do it as he had a contract and certificate on file of Miss Lillie Ramsey for the same school. Moorman left his certificate and the contract which the president of the board had refused to sign, and which he himself and the district clerk had not signed, and went away.

My daughter's contract specified that she was to begin her school on the 20th day of September, 1897. Moorman's contract (if indeed it can be called a contract) specified that he was to begin on the 23rd day of September, 1897.

On the morning of the 20th of September I went with my daughter to the school-house where she was to commence school, four or five miles distant. We arrived at the school-house exactly at 9 o'clock, instead of 9:30, as stated by Mr. Moorman; and when we arrived Mr. Moorman was there, and had taken up school three days ahead of the provisions of his contract, and several of the patrons, who were expecting trouble and were there, say he opened school that morning not later than 7 o'clock. I think at least half the scholars were on the outside of the school-house who

refused to go in until my daughter arrived.

The school was turned over to her by the president of the board, and she at once began enrolling the pupils. Seven out of the 28 who were present refused to give their names. The limited, conjured-up petition, which Mr. Moorman so aptly describes, went up to Prof. Pratt, asking the appointment of J. Heptonstall to the directorship. I find was signed by 24 of as good men as live in the district, all residents of the district, and at least 21 years of age, instead of being filled out by non-residents, as stated by Mr. Moorman, when the records show, if I mistake not, that only 26 votes were cast at the last annual meeting.

Mr. Moorman further states that Chrisman hurried to Bynumville where he was joined by 'Squire Ramsey (which is the opposite of truth) and that Ramsey and Chrisman reached Salisbury and hastily sought Prof. Pratt, which I am sorry to have to say is anything else but true. I neither saw or joined Mr. Chrisman on the day alleged by Mr. Moorman, neither was I in Salisbury on that day or any other with Mr. Chrisman; neither did I seek or see Prof. Pratt. I have never had the pleasure of Prof. Pratt's acquaintance to my knowledge, but have all reasons to believe him a gentleman in every respect.

Mr. Moorman's conduct in this matter will justify any one in concluding that he, with other assistance, undertook to impose himself upon the patrons of the district without any regard to their wishes in the matter, but was defeated, and now appears to be ready to make any statement which will tend to obscure the real facts in the case. Had he succeeded in getting the school (if the patrons of that noted district tell the truth, and I have no reason to doubt them) he would have been extremely lonesome.

I will suggest that if Mr. Moorman will press the mammoth damage suit, which he has instituted against Mr. Warbritton, the president of the school board, to a final conclusion, and give this matter a legal airing when the evidence is all in, the public will better be able to judge upon whose side honor and right stand than they will from the statements he has published. This will end my part of this controversy, for no man who has any respect for himself can afford to engage in a newspaper controversy with a man who appears to be so shy of the truth.

And now I wish to say in conclusion that I am able to establish every positive statement that I have herein made by ample testimony when legally called upon so to do.

Yours Very Truly,
W. H. RAMSEY.

Real Estate Transfers.

Albert G. Houston and wife to Walter G. Houston, sw 1-4 sw 1-4 7-5-16. Consideration, \$600.

J. W. Luck, surviving member of the firm of Luck Bros., and wife to Mrs. Magnolia Luck, an undivided one-half of a strip of ground six inches wide off the south side of lot 17 on Broadway, described by meets and bounds; also an undivided one-half of lot 8, except a strip one foot and six inches wide to be taken off the entire south side of said lot, all in block 31 in the city of Salisbury. Consideration, \$1,800.

Thos. J. and Mary Hayes to Wm. W. Cupp, a lot 64x100 feet off the east side of lot 8 in block 1, Fawks' addition to the town of Prairie Hill; also the west side of said lot No. 8, being 90 feet square and lying on the west side of said lot and at north end, being all of said lot 8. Consideration, \$50.

Emma H. Crismond and husband, Alexander E. Crismond, to Asa W. Elliott, the undivided one-fourth interest in the ne 1-4 33; also the nw 1-4 nw 1-4 34; also 50 acres, the south part of the w 1-2 of the sw 1-4 27; also 50 feet off the south end of the se 1-4 se 1-4 28, all in 54-20. Consideration, \$1,821.87.

E. C. Haysler and wife to Albert Emerich, a tract of land, described by meets and bounds, commencing at the northwest corner of lot one in block one in Fair & Haysler's addition to the city of Salisbury. Consideration, \$25.

Michael J. Murphy to Augustine Murphy, an undivided one-half interest in certain lands, described by meets and bounds, commencing at the ne 1-4 1-52-18. Consideration, \$1,000.

W. J. McDermott, nine acres off the east side of the s 1-2 sw 1-4 9-55-16 except two acres of said nine acres on the north end, and now owned by W. M. Barnes. Consideration, \$245.

Geo. T. Hecke and wife to Geo. W. Messenger, a certain tract of land containing 50 and 52-100ths acres, described by meets and bounds, in 35-53-19. Consideration, \$1,150.

W. H. Lewis to James E. Ellis, se 1-4 se 1-4 24-56-18. Consideration, \$400.

Program of Christian Endeavor Union to be held in C. P. Church, Salisbury, Mo., November 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1897.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

- 2:00—Devotional Exercises, REV. H. D. MANESS, Salisbury.
- 2:30—Minutes of last convention.
- Report of Corresponding Secretary.
- Report of Lookout Committee.
- Report of Program Committee.
- Report of Treasurer.
- 3:10—Paper on Lookout Committee. DR. J. C. BOGUE, Brunswick.
- Paper on Social Committee. MISS MINNIE FISHER, Salisbury.
- Paper on Prayer-Meeting Com., MISS LOU STACY, Keytesville.
- General Discussion—REV. PARKER STOCKDALE, Salisbury.
- Paper on Missions, MISS WILLIE WINN, Salisbury.
- Paper on Music Committee, MISS MAE AUSTIN, Salisbury.
- Paper on Literature Committee, MRS. H. D. MANESS, Salisbury.

4:10—General Discussion.

- REV. MCGEE, Salisbury.
- SATURDAY EVENING.
- 7:00—Greetings from B. Y. P. U., and Epworth League of Salisbury.
- Address of Welcome—MR. F. O. REDD, Salisbury.
- Response—"Practical Christianity," D. ERNEST MCCURRY, Salisbury.
- Solo—"Entreat Me Not To Leave Thee," MISS LAURA HEATON, Salisbury.

8:30—SERMON—REV. H. H. HULTEN, Keytesville.

SUNDAY MORNING.

- 11:00—QUALETTE—Scripture Reading and Prayer. DUETT—MISSES JOHNSON AND GALLEMORE, Salisbury.
- ENDEAVOR SERMON—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

3:00—"Illustrated Talk to the Juniors."

- MR. W. T. LEAGUE, Vice-President of Mo. C. E. Union, Hannibal.
- SUNDAY NIGHT.

7:30—SOLO—"For All Eternity."

- MISS NELLIE HERNDON, Salisbury.
- SERMON—REV. J. T. GOSE, Keytesville.

SUNDAY MORNING.

- SUNRISE PRAYER-MEETING, (Suntime), Led by W. S. DRACE, Keytesville.

8:30—Devotional Exercises,

- REV. J. H. QUINN, Annual Address by President of C. E. Union of Chariton Co. Business.

Adjournment.

- Com. on Program, MAGGIE STACY, Ch., Keytesville.
- B. H. SMITH, Keytesville.
- WILLIE WINN, Salisbury.
- D. ERNEST MCCURRY, Salisbury.

The Screw-Fly.

The *Callao Journal* thus describes the screw-fly, the fore-runner of the dread screw-worm, several of which were captured at that place last week and put under microscopic examination:

"The fly is some larger than a common house-fly; it is of greyish color and has a white spot on its head and under its wings, which are always extended. With a little pressure brought to bear on them they were made to deposit their worms which were very much alive and ready for their troublesome work. It was generally thought that the fly laid eggs which hatched and made the worms, but this theory was dispelled by the examination of the fly. Many of our older citizens claim to have seen these flies many times before without knowing how dangerous they were. As a result of the excitement occasioned by the screw-fly our citizens generally

OF THE HIGBEE HOUSE

Now is the time you are thinking about Fall and Winter Hats and Bonnets. Of course everyone wants the best material and the best work for the least money, and that is what I am prepared to give you for CASH. I have determined that no one shall give you better bargains for CASH than I. CASH TALKS. If I pay Cash for my goods and sell them for Cash I can afford to sell them for a VERY SMALL PROFIT. I am then not out any time, nor do I incur losses through bad accounts. I could give dozens of reasons why I have determined to sell for Cash, and CASH ONLY; that would not interest you. But my elegant line of Millinery at the prices I am offering it WILL interest you. It is an undisputed fact that I carry the Largest Stock of Millinery in Keytesville, while my trimming is too well known to need any fulsome words of praise. What I want to impress upon your minds now is my VERY LOW PRICES. Come in, I am never too busy to show my goods, whether you buy or not. Below you will find a few of my many bargains:

- Fine \$6 Pattern Hats go for \$4.75.
- Fine \$5 Pattern Hats go for \$4.
- Elegant Silk Velvet Hats, trimmed in plumes or tips and all silk ribbon, go for \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$2.
- French Felts, trimmed in tips or fancy feathers and all silk ribbon and silk velvet go for \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$2.
- Fine French Felt Hats, trimmed in Mercury wings, fancy feathers or aigrettes, all silk plaid ribbons, nice hats for Misses, go for \$3.50, \$2.50 and \$1.75.
- Another cheaper grade of Felts, trimmed in tips, fancy feathers or quills and fancy Roman striped ribbons, go for \$2.50, \$1.50 and \$1.
- Nice Silk and Velvet Baby Caps go for 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1 and upward.
- A large line of Tam O'Shanter Caps, in all kinds of fine wool goods and velvet trimmed in quills, your choice for only 75 cents.
- Tan Leather and Patent Leather Round Tam Caps for only 75 cents.
- Another line of Round Tam Caps in wool goods for only 50 cents. An elegant quality of silk velvets, all colors, 50 and 75 cents a yard.
- Velvets for 65 cents a yard, black only.
- My prices on Tips, Fancy Feathers, Birds, Ornaments, etc., are astonishingly low.

My stock of Ribbons was never more complete. I have all the new fancy Ribbons, Roman Stripes, Plaids, Shaded and Two-Toned in Moir, Taffeta, Faylle and Satin.

I bought my goods to sell, not to keep. Come while the stock is new, so that you can get your choice. A visit to my store will prove that I mean business. It means money—money saved to you. Read all the items, you cannot resist them.

Yours Respectfully,
MRS. C. P. VANDIVER, Keytesville.

look upon every fly that comes buzzing around now with an eye of suspicion, and knock at the pests like the small boy fighting bumble bees on a summer day."

A Letter From a Bridegroom.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, OCT. 30th, '97.
MR. CHAS. VANDIVER, Keytesville, Mo.

Sir:—I will write you a few lines to let you know about my being married, but I am too late for that, though, as you have already published an account of it. I have some spare time just now. We have enjoyed ourselves so far fine, and have had fine weather up to Thursday evening when it turned cold. It tried to snow today and indications are still for snow. As regards the wheat crop sown this fall, we did not see any wheat up to amount to anything until we reached Ohio and that state has only about a half stand. The corn crop in Ohio is about an average, they tell me. We stopped off four days at Rainville, Ohio. Please save me your last week's and this week's paper. Keep them in your office for me until I call to get them. It may be a couple of weeks before we return home.

Yours Truly,
H. C. SASSE.

Mr. Sasse is a resident of Bowling Green township, and is among Chariton county's most extensive and successful farmers, and recently took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Elyda Noll of Glasgow, and is now making a bridal tour of the East. [Ed.]

Farm For Sale.

The A. V. Salisbury farm, containing 150 acres, has been placed in my hands for sale. There are 125 acres in cultivation, and two houses, three barns, one cistern, one living well, a good orchard, a pair of splendid stock scales and six large feeding troughs on the premises for use in fattening cattle. The place is located only one-half mile from Echo, which affords a good market for butter and eggs. Only one-half mile to school-house and 2 1-2 miles to flouring mill. Farm is all under fence. Terms: I will take \$3,000 for the place—\$1,200 down, and the balance in equal annual payments running five years, deferred payments to bear eight per cent annual interest. Call on or address, F. BLON MCCURRY, Salisbury.

A Modern Enoch Arden.

The following from the *Higbee News* reads like an Enoch Arden romance:

Early one morning about 48 years ago, Wm. Knight of Renick bade his wife and baby good bye, and was never heard from by them until one day this week, when he returned and made himself known to his son, Pole Knight, who is now a man grown and married. Mr. Knight had not been gone many months before news came to Mrs. Knight that her husband was dead, when she laid aside her weeds and married "Sailor" Sam Jones and lived happily with him ever since. She has again taken Mr. Knight to her heart, and Sam says he sees nothing in the future for him but to give up his boarding house, hunt new diggings and begin life anew.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by W. C. Gaston.

James Dunham and Jos. A. Ballenger, two farmers of near Callao, have instituted a peculiar suit against the Davy Burnt Clay Ballast company, which has its plant located near Chariton station. The plaintiffs ask \$300 damages of the defendants, claiming that the hot air and gas generated by the ballast kilns destroyed 20 acres of corn belonging to plaintiffs in an adjacent field.

Wm. Willott is in the toils for burglarizing H. Hemker's tailor shop at Moberly of a pair of pants and an overcoat. The stolen goods were recovered, and Willott has confessed his guilt of the theft and has been sentenced to 60 days in the county jail.

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Ask your Grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food that is the place of coffee. The child may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1-4 the price of coffee. 15 and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

Rev. J. H. Thompson, pastor of the First Baptist church at Macon, preached his farewell sermon at that place last Sunday week, he having accepted a call to the pastorate of a Baptist church in Tennessee.